The Nashua Conservation Commission (NCC): Annual Report FY 2021

Commissioners:

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Revenue & Expenses:

The Conservation Fund did not receive any funding via Land Use Change Tax transfers in FY2021, but did receive \$800 from LCHIP for compliance reporting for the Northwest properties. The Commission expended funds for Maintenance of the Southwest Park Lands Conservation Area was \$2,695.

Site Walks and Meetings:

The Nashua Conservation Commission convened 22 times during the FY2021, including the site walks below. Nine (9) such site walks were completed related to active applications/projects:

- 1) 38 Bridge Street
- 2) Old Harris Road (Pennichuck Solar)
- 3) 67 and 73 Musket Drive
- 4) 2 White Oak Drive
- 5) South Main Street and Daniel Webster Highway Eversource Project
- 6) 2 East Spit Brook Road (Nashua Landing)
- 7) Yudicky Farm/Terrell Homestead
- 8) 2 East Spit Brook Road (Nashua Landing)
- 9) 19 Cheryl Street

Summary & Project Highlights

The Commission continued its easement monitoring program and on-going maintenance of the Terrell & Southwest Park Lands Conservation Areas in FY2021. The Commission provided remote access options for Commissioners, applicants, and members of the public for all regular meetings. Agendas included informational presentations related to enforcement from the Londonderry Conservation Commission, the Riverfront Lighting Project, and Jackson Falls Turbine NHDES Permit Request.

The Commission contracted with Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) for technical assistance services to mapping and land management planning. As part of that contract, NRPC completed an update to the city's wetland and wetland buffer maps. NRPC will begin FY2022 by reviewing the existing Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) and begin a standardized mapping project and easement database compilation.

Additional Commission tasks included discussing updates to the Commission's City webpage, providing referral comments on amendments to the Land Use Code for conservation subdivisions and floodplain management, and support to/input on the Imagine Nashua Master Plan effort. Improvements to the Joyce Park Wildlife area trail were also contracted through the Student Conservation Association (including invasive spraying), which will be completed in FY2022. Lastly, the Commission's Easement Monitoring, Digital Marketing, and Land and Trail Management committees continued their diligent efforts.

Submitted by: